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RICE PROCESSING RESEARCH CENTRE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rice processing research centers are working for the benefit of the rice growing farmers, in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the type of facilities, training etc. those centers are providing to the rice growing farmers, State wise;

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to establish similar rice processing research centers in North and Central Bihar forthe benefit of rice growing farmers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of farmers benefited/will be benefited by the programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH)

(a) to (e): Paddy Processing Research Centre, Thanjavur and Post HarvestTechnology Centre at IIT, Kharagpur beingfunded by the Department of Food Processing Industries are engaged in research and development,training and human resource development including transfer of technology in paddy processing and utilization of by- products like husk and bran for the benefit of farmers, processors, industry and consumers. These Centres have the necessary facilities and infrastructure for imparting training to the farmers, millers and entrepreneurs from all states of the country.

The Department has also funded Regional Extension Service Centres for carrying out extension activities in modern rice milling and by-products utilization through demonstrations, seminars, exhibitions. Group discussions, distribution of literature like pamphlets and posters etc. The Centres so far have beenfunded by the Department through State Governments, Agricultural Universities/Research Institutions are located in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamilnadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Punjab, Gujarat, Manipurand Assam. Besides the Department has also funded four rice mill machinery testing centers through agricultural universities at Coimbatore, Pune, IIT Kharagpur and Harcourt ButlerTechnological Institue, Kanpur, for guiding the machinery manufactures for testing and improvement of rice mill and allied machinery.

All these above Centres through their activities have benefited a large number of farmers and users of technology in the country.